

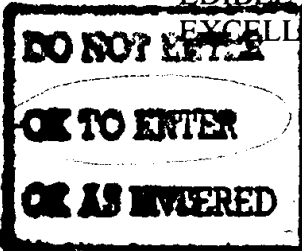


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In re application of : Confirmation No. 9482
Takayuki WATANABE et al. : Docket No.00202/K-5 (Hase) F99023
Serial No. 09/492,137 : Group Art Unit 1761
Filed January 27, 2000 : Examiner H. Mai

EDIBLE POWDER MATERIAL HAVING
EXCELLENT SHELF STABILITY

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1761



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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 29, 2001, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter involved, claim 14. ✓

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A powder composition consisting essentially of (1) at least one component selected from the group consisting of perfumes, coloring agents and substances having a biological regulatory effect or physiological activity for mammals, (2) trehalose and (3) water-soluble hemicellulose, wherein the substances having a biological regulatory effect or physiological activity for mammals are selected from the group consisting of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), eicosa-pentaenoic acid (EPA), DHA- and/or EPA-containing fish oil, linolic acid, γ -linolenic acid, α -linolenic